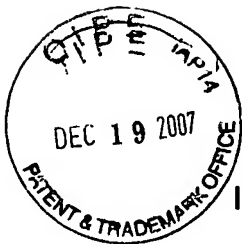


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the references listed on the enclosed form PTO/SB/8A (Substitute for form 1449/PTO) marked with the symbol (†) were first cited in the International Search Report dated November 18, 2004, and the Supplementary European Search Report dated June 19, 2007 for counterpart PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/002215. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report for the counterpart PCT application are enclosed herewith.

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Further, in satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), Applicant notes that the present application is related to the following provisional patent application:

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